

WILLIAM H. SEIP.

APRIL 20, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

MR. CROWLEY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 5161.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5161) granting an increase of pension to William H. Seip, have examined the same and adopt the Senate report thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

[Senate Report No. 1913, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5161) granting an increase of pension to William H. Seip, have examined the same and report:

It is proposed by this bill to increase from \$12 to \$30 per month the pension of William H. Seip, late captain Company H, Eleventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and lieutenant-colonel First Regiment United States Colored Volunteer Cavalry.

The military records show that William H. Seip entered the service April 20, 1861, as a private in Company D, First Pennsylvania Volunteers, for three months, and was honorably discharged July 29, 1861. He was mustered in as first lieutenant with Company H, Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, September 25, 1861, and captain October 28, 1861, and served as such until January 19, 1864, when appointed major First Regiment United States Colored Cavalry. He was promoted lieutenant-colonel same regiment December 6, 1865, and was honorably discharged and mustered out February 4, 1866.

Colonel Seip is now receiving the maximum pension of \$12 per month provided by the act of June 27, 1890, for total disability due to disease of eyes, partial paralysis of right side, and senile debility. He was formerly pensioned under the general law for disease of eyes of service origin at the rate of \$10 per month, and he applied for increase at the Bureau August 27, 1903, but his application was rejected February 3, 1904.

Colonel Seip is 68 years of age. His medical examination, dated November 27, 1903, shows him to be feeble and tottering, afflicted with heart disease, impaired sight, enlarged prostate, partial paralysis of right side, and general debility, and wholly incapacitated for labor of any kind. Other evidence on file in the Bureau confirms the findings of the examining surgeons as to claimant's total disability, and it is also shown that he has no property or resources whatever, except the small pension he is now receiving.

In consideration of his faithful service of over four years, his total disability, and great poverty, your committee are of opinion that his case is a worthy one for special legislation.

The bill is reported back favorably with a recommendation that it pass.